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Application no. : 09/154,966
Applicant : Christopher Haywood
Title : Dedicated bandwidth data communication switch backplane
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Examiner : Steven H. D. Nguyen

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Date: June 8, 2004

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Sir:

In response to one or more issues raised in the office action mailed April 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Argument begin on page 7 of this paper.